

**Developmental Disabilities Council
System Issues Workgroup
Draft MINUTES
January 17, 2008**

Present: Harriett Bryant (Chair), Janet Adams, Amber Blevins, Sherrie Brown, Lori Flood, John Lemus, Patty McDonald, Sara McQueed, Carol Miller, Shannon Patton.

Absent: Tonya Middling

Staff: David Maltman

Call to order/agenda/approval of minutes

Harriett called the meeting to order promptly at 9:00 am and welcomed Amber Blevins and Carol Miller as new members to the Work Group. John moved and Lori seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2007 meeting. After correcting the names to the list of those in attendance, the minutes were approved. David provided a short review of the updated and approved work plan adopted with the minutes that shows 3 main topics of discussion for the group this year.

Title of agenda item:

Self Advocates in Leadership and Advocacy Partnership progress report: Harriett welcomes Diana

Stadden, Emily Rogers, and Sue Elliot of the Arc and asked them to provide an update on the progress of the SAIL and Advocacy Partnership Projects. Using a hand out, Diana and Emily explained that the SAIL Project provides support to self advocates to assist them develop leadership skills and the Advocacy Partnership Project coordinates statewide advocacy efforts. Exceeding the performance target of 500 people, there were 692 participants in Advocacy Days in 2007. A weekly podcast has been created to report the current events during the legislative session and information about Bills and the budget are available on line at <http://www.arcwa.org/> the Arc's website. The SAIL Project has advocated the creation of October as Disability History Month to be observed by schools. Comments from the members were favorable. The members recognized the Arc's passion and commitment to the projects.

Aging and DD: David discussed the work plan for the Aging and DD Task Force included in the Work Group packet and invited the Work Group members to participate in one of the 3 subject matter teams that were being formed to discuss the legal, medical, and quality of life issue faced by people with DD who were aging. The Task Force next meets on Feb. 20 and will provide a report to the Council with possible recommendations by the November meeting.

The Work Group's Big Picture Work Plan includes three main topics. Each topic was discussed to identify the members concerns and ideas about information they need.

- 1) Quality Day and Respite Programs centered around defining Day Activities, Family Support, and Respite Care. The members exchanged their views about the need for age appropriate, meaningful, community based day programs with provider qualifications that match the Independent Providers of personal care. The discussion for the March meeting will include a study of the Capacity of Care Givers to provide Family Supports and a presentation on Respite Care.
- 2) The Issues impacting people with developmental disabilities in the Juvenile Justice System were of concern to the members who want to hear about how the system operates in dealing with behaviors that are related to the person's disability. This could include information about how behavior is

handled at school, in the IEP, and behavior plans. The other matters of interest listed by the members were getting demographic data from Juvenile Rehab, what happens on arrest and incarceration, and an understanding of human rights for juveniles with DD who come in contact with the justice system. Presentation on these topics will occur during the September meeting.

- 3) Self Directed Services was the lesser concern of the members and will be addressed through an overview of the topic when time is available at the September or November meetings.

Council Report: Harriett reported to the full Council that the Work Group had received an update on the SAIL and Advocacy Partnership Projects and they were pleased with the outcomes to date. There were no recommendations or motions made to the full Council.

Next month's agenda: The agenda for the March meeting will include a presentation on Day Activities, Family Support, and Respite Care.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.